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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3)

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(e), Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each foreign item is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No copy of the U.S. document is provided as the Patent Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

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Submitted herewith is:

- (1) Supplementary European Search Report dated February 25, 2008, for counterpart European Application No. EP 04 74 5624;
- (2) German Published Unexamined Application No. DE 36 05 746 A1 (KLEIN KG EUGEN), published August 27, 1987; Together with an English-language abstract and translation thereof;
- (3) McElwain, U.S. Patent No. 4,067,626, issued January 10, 1978;
- (4) British Published Examined Application No. (A) 2 058 294 (UNI-CARDAN AG), published April 8, 1981; and
- (5) British Published Examined Application No. (A) 2 103 305 (UNI-CARDAN AG), published February 16, 1983.

The above references (2-5) are cited in item (1), "Supplementary European Search Report", which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Document (3) was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 19, 2005 with the Application documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Moreover, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fee is incurred. If it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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